

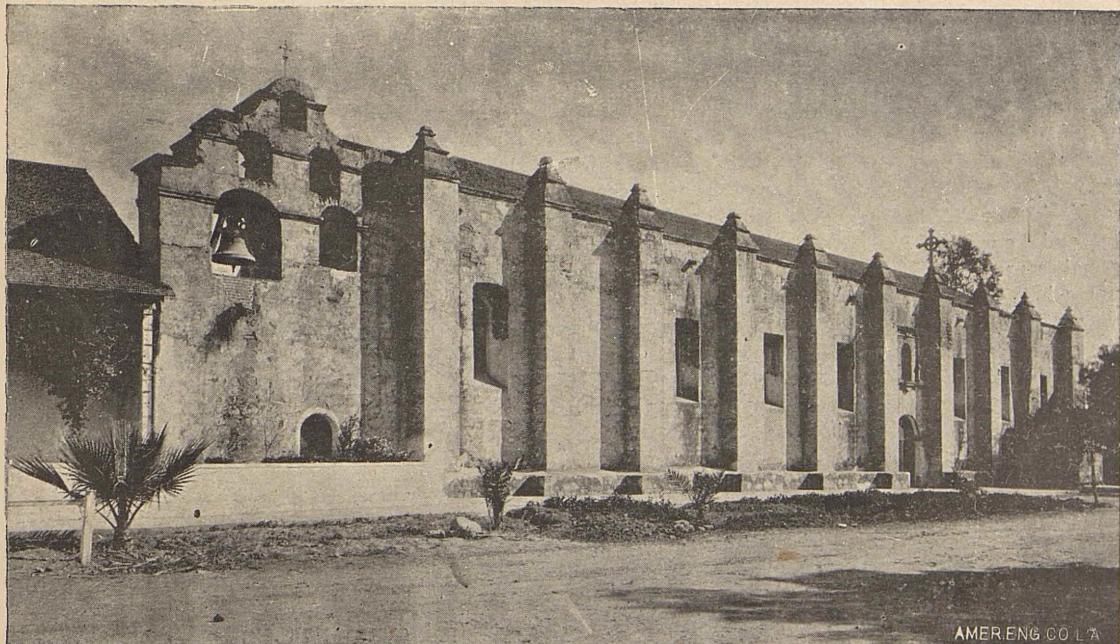
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The President's Position Endorsed

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Exclusive Dispatch. *The World* (Dem.) says:

"The West Virginia Democratic State convention yesterday honored itself in refusing by an overwhelming vote to add the 'white man's government' plank to the state platform. *The World* must disapprove the determination evinced in many Southern states to inject the race issue into the national campaign. The claim that this is a 'white man's country' or 'white man's government' is a denial of the Declaration of Independence and a challenge to the Constitution.

"The government or party which would take in a Georgia 'cracker,' the poor white of other states, the members of the 'mountain vendetta,' the Baltimore 'plug ugly,' the Chicago 'hobo' and the New York 'tough,' because they are white, and exclude Booker T. Washington because he is black, is not Democratic, whatever it may be.

"This is not a 'white man's country,' save in the sense that white men are in a vast majority, and therefore will continue to rule it. But that majority will never assent to the doctrine, born of the stultifying and blighting institution of slavery, now happily forty years dead, that the man who is good enough to produce wealth and pay taxes and fight and die for his country is not fit to have a voice in its government under any condition whatever, if he is black.

"There need be no delusions in any portion of the South on this question."

THE SOUTH EDUCATING NEGROES.

The Southern people have been making a great bluff about spending millions of dollars to educate the Afro-Americans. There's nothing in the stories they tell. Last week the Georgia legislature, with a great flourish of trumpets, appropriated \$4,000 for the Georgia State Industrial College near Savannah. In the discussion of the bill the fact came out that the State of Georgia has never made an appropriation for this school, although it is known, as a state institution. The United States government gives Georgia \$24,000 annually for agricultural education on condition that \$8,000 go to the educa-

tion of Afro-Americans. For three years the state has withheld the appropriation for the industrial school, thus bungoing its Afro-American citizens out of \$24,000. This year it was stated that unless the appropriation for the colored school was made that the United States would refuse to pay the \$24,000. The Georgia solons saw the point and the bill giving the Afro-Americans their share was passed without a dissenting vote.—*Exchange*.

For every dollar earned by Southern white men that has been appropriated for the education of negroes, nine dollars earned by negroes have been appropriated for the education of white youths in the South. The negroes of that section produce nine-tenths of the wealth, and therefor pay nine-tenths of the cost of running its public institutions. Those whose labor produces wealth of a community pay its taxes, whether they own the property or not. By class legislation, mobs, peonage and systematic robbery, the great body of laboring blacks of the South are kept in abject poverty and dense ignorance.

INSULTS THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER.

All of the decent people in the country sustain Postmaster General Payne in his refusal to bestow the name of Vardaman on a postoffice in the state of Mississippi. The man Vardaman, who by grace of a race hatred campaign is now governor of Mississippi, is the owner and editor of a newspaper which published an infamous article reflecting on the mother of the President of the United States.—*Exchange*.

The brutal assault upon the good name of the President's mother by Governor Vardaman is a surprise to no one who has read in the newspapers of the country his cowardly attacks upon the innocent defenseless negroes of his benighted state. Vardaman, who has made a business of insulting negro women because they are black, has now turned upon white women. The coward, be he white or black, who will insult a negro woman because she is black or cannot defend herself, will insult a white woman if he thinks he can escape the punishment his brutality deserves. If President Roosevelt was a private citizen, Vardaman would ram his head in the fire rather than make the remarks

with which he stands charged. With a man like Vardaman for governor, a man who wantonly and brutally insults a woman because she gave to her country as ruler a clean, strong, manly man, the fact that a thousand white men in Mississippi, the state of which Vardaman is governor, burned an innocent colored woman at the stake in front of a Christian church simply because she was a negro, should have occasioned no surprise.

If the Postmaster General had consented to naming the Mississippi post-office Vardaman, as soon as Vardaman's supporters in Mississippi became civilized they would have changed its name. The white people of this country will yet come to their senses. The Tillmans and Vardamans will make lots of trouble for this country.

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After Easton's Scalp

Pandemonium reigned at the Roosevelt Republican Club (colored) a few nights ago. The fight to "unhoss" President Easton was something fierce. There were "pints" of order by the barrel, rising to questions of "personal" privileges, yells and wild jesticulations, this with awful concussions caused by the pounding of the president's maul upon the table, made an uproar resembling a Japanese charge punctuated by artillery. The "charman," who looked like a mauling machine by his continual pounding, fearing that persons in the neighborhood in need of sleep and rest might turn on the riot alarm, arose with a go-as-you-can-movement like a butterfly in a whirl wind, his hair standing on ends, his standing-collar totally wrecked by a flood of perspiration, offered his resignation. Instantly there was a great calm and what a few moments before had all of the appearance of a Democratic convention in session, was now as serene as a resting sea.

The Eagleman who had spent the earlier hours of the night in foraging and who by the way is thought to be the "nigger in the woodpile," entered the hall just in time to hear the tidings of joy that president's resignation conveyed. But his hopes of capturing the job were doomed to be rudely shattered. Holding a hurried consultation with his former cohorts, he found to his consternation that every mother's son in the

club was a candidate except the Enterprise man who, keeping a sharp lookout, occupied a seat nearest the door to facilitate his flight in event of a horn match between Mr. Luke and another Texas steer. It was found impossible to elect a new president owing to the fact that each member of the club voted for himself. No amount of eloquence or oratory could secure for a candidate more than one vote—each member receiving just one vote. The attempt to reason with them was like whistling to stop a fire. This thing of voting for one's self originated with the Eagle-man, who it is said voted for himself at the late Republican primaries. The fact that he got only one vote in the entire city and that, in his own precinct, and the further fact the ticket containing his name was at the bottom of the ballot box showing that it had been cast early, corresponding with his arrival at the polls, throws a halo of suspicion around him. Either he voted for himself or that vote was cast before the voters began to think.

After several hours of fruitless attempts to elect a president, Easton was allowed to hang on to the job for the time being. Mr. Luke, better known as the "wild Texas steer," led the fight of the opposition to the president. He charges the octoroon and mulatto members of the club with trying to form a "Lillie White" clique. Luke insists that all negroes who are trying to pass as white should join white clubs. He says no negro who is trying to leave the race shall represent it. As his horns are in good fighting trim, he says he will push the fight to a finish. There can be no better cure for the blues than an attendance of the club's future meetings. "There will be things doing."

The War in the Far East

The unparalleled success of the Japanese arms on land and sea makes that little kingdom a world power. Her commanders both naval and military are easily the ablest on earth. All of their campaigns have been planned with consummate skill and carried out to the letter. The heavy Russian troops have in no case been able to withstand the shock occasioned by a collision with Japan's light rapidly-moving battalions. Every pitched battle has been a Japanese

victory, no matter which army held the best strategic position. In this war there are many things in favor of the Japs. They are a virtuous people, citizens of a country in which all are equal before the law and the protection of which, like the rays of the sun, fall with equal radiance upon all. That country inculcates truth, honesty and patriotism by fulfilling every pledge made to its citizens. Japan's population consists of citizens all equal. Russia's population consists of classes and masses with citizenship practically unknown. The Japanese soldier is fighting for a country that protects him in all of his rights. The Russian soldier is fighting for a despotism, where the rulers have arbitrary powers and patriotism is cultivated with the sword. All Japanese have a common interest in their country; the great mass of the Russian population have not. The Japs are fighting to widen the field of human endeavor; the Russians are fighting to increase the power of the few to oppress the many. God is with the heathen Jap because the Japs have good guns and the manhood to use them. No matter which wins, good will come to the whole human race.

SPREAD OF CRIME.

The appalling increase of crime of every character in this country is claiming the attention of all who are interested in the future well being of our institutions. Our sociologists seem to overlook in the study of this subject, that this government itself or those in charge of its administration encourage hypocrisy and duplicity. To possess virtuous citizens, a government must be what it claims to be, it must fulfill every obligation due its citizens from the greatest to humblest, must make good every pledge, hold sacred every promise especially in dealing with its citizens. Has this ever been true of our government? Lets see. It claimed that under the federal constitution all are free and equal. According to the way the laws of this country are administered there is not one scintilla of truth in that document. The colored citizen is denied his right to vote, denied the right of trial by jury when charged with violations of the laws, forced to pay taxes without representation, while fighting the battles of his country the

sons of the negro soldier are denied entrance into its naval and military schools. It makes no difference what the negro's culture or refinement may be, he is forced to ride in "jim crow" cars right at the capitol of the nation. The negro is ever the victim of the basest, meanest, most contemptable prejudice that ever cursed a member of the human family. And yet this is done in a country that is ever boasting of its *Christianity, freedom and equality*. Is it any wonder that hypocrisy, dualism and duplicity are fast becoming prevailing traits of our national life? A government that refuses to make good its guarantees to a body of citizens simply on account of the color of their skin to that extent put a premium upon violation of contract. Every willful refusal of the government to make good its pledges is a premium placed on crime. What show have honesty and patriotism in Mississippi and South Carolina when public morals are shaped by men like Tillman and Vardaman? And yet these men owe their power and prominence to government's acquiescence in their crimes.

The Great Western Stove and Repair Co. has removed to 643 South Main street. It was to secure larger quarters that made the removal of the company necessary. It is a healthy sign to note that our business men find it necessary to secure larger quarters. This company has made wonderful strides. It is reliable and deserves well of the public.

Misses Mary Stovall, Jetty Clark and Ella McLemore, accompanied by Messrs. John Hall and E. Griffin, were visitors at the Edmonds Villa, Sawtelle, on the 14th. On the 16th Misses K. E. Bradley, Ella McLemore, Jetty Clark and Mary Stovall, accompanied by Mesdames Raglands, A. Thurman and daughter and the gentlemen named above, visited the Soldiers' Home, where they pleasantly spent the day.

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OUR TICKET FOR 1904.

For President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York.

For Vice-President:

C. W. FAIRBANKS OF INDIANA.

Without the Negro Vote Republicans Cannot Win

Without the negro vote the Republican party would be hopelessly in the minority, and would have no more chance to carry the country than Bryan has of carrying Pennsylvania. Eliminate from the Republican party the negro vote of the following states, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and West Virginia and what show would that party have of electing a president or a congress? Put this vote into the Democratic column and Roosevelt not only could not be elected, but would be the last Republican president in this day and generation. And what protection does the Republican party give the negroes for keeping it in power? What attempt has it made to protect the negroes in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights? What steps has it taken

to give the nine million negroes of this country representation in congress? With all of the machinery of the government in its hands, the president, senate, house of representatives and the supreme court, what is the Republican party doing to protect the negroes in the South from death at the stake in direct violation of the federal constitution? In the past three or four months five negroes are known to have been burned at the stake, one woman included. Neither of the victims were charged with assaults upon women and scores have been murdered in cold blood by mobs. What actions have federal authorities taken to protect the life and property of these citizens? If the Republican party when in power cannot enforce the laws of the nation, what is to be gained by putting it in power? To keep a party in power that cannot or will not enforce the laws of the land, is worse than anarchy. If the negroes' constitutional rights are to be denied them, trial by jury suspended, as it is now in nearly every hamlet of this country; if they are to be burned at the stake, hanged, shot or tortured to death without regard to age, sex, or condition at the caprice of the mob, what difference does it make to them who is president or what party is in power? Colored voters of the north and west, brethren, what are we going to do? Shall we continue to vote for a party that has betrayed us? A party that will not protect us although sworn to do so? Shall we continue voting the Republican party in power till every vestige of our rights have been swept away? Till funeral pyres light up every street corner; till the mobs suspend a hangman's noose from every telephone pole; till Jim Crow cars roll insultingly through every street?

To contend that the outrages complained of are committed by Democrats and the Republican party is therefore not to blame, is as feasible as to say that the armed policemen, the custodian of the law, and claiming to be your friend who stands by and allows a burglar to peaceably enter your house and murder your family and appropriate your goods is not to blame.

To whom would you render the most aid and comfort if called upon—the murderous burglar or your friend?—The policeman who violated his sworn duty,

while in your pay in order that the burglar might make a good job? The constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen regardless of race, color, previous condition the full protection of the laws and says no citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, and the party in power is sworn to enforce the constitution and laws.

The charge that all mobs are composed of Democrats is a base, malicious falsehood. Negroes have been burned alive with shocking barbarity in the Republican states, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kansas, these burnings taking place in each case in cities with ample police protection. Come brethren let us reason together. The blood of 50,000 of our brothers cries from the ground today. Shall we by pursuing the same damnable course, sacrifice 50,000 more lives for the benefit of Republican office-holders? There are the Prohibition, the Socialist and the recently formed Lincoln parties, we can vote for them, or rather vote for men and measures, not parties—that's the watchword henceforth.

A BEAUTIFUL CREED.

Love for the living and hope for the dead, was Ingersoll's beautiful creed, and, what is more beautiful, he lived it. If the followers of Jesus Christ in America would live this creed, there would be no lynchings and burnings at the stake, no more race hatred and race prejudice.

AFTER FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS.

Mrs. Eliza Norris, of this city, will leave for Hilldale, Mo., to visit her sister, from whom she was separated fifty-eight years ago, she being sold. The strange part of this reunion is, that the granddaughter of the man who sold Mrs. Norris brings about the reunion by defraying all expenses of the trip. Mrs. Norris is much loved by all who know her.

The editorial on the Georgia negro burning, in the Times of the 18th, had an Otis ring. It did whip the devil around the stump, but went straight to the mark. The whole thing was a farce. It never intended to protect the prisoners. Arrangement to burn them at the stake had been made several days and the officers were parties to the brutal scheme. The country will suffer for it.

"THERE IS NO LOVE LIKE THE OLD LOVE."

The reason the negro Republicans were turned away from the late Republican banquet, after paying for their tickets, is just now coming to the surface. As is well known, the Union League Republican Club belongs practically to the Flint-McLaughlin faction, or "push," gave the banquet commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party. It is now easy to understand why Mr. Flint, candidate for the United States Senate, and a recent convert from the Democratic party, would not allow the negro Republican members of the league to sit at the banquet with himself and his Democratic friends, who had been invited, for "There is no love like the old love."

This brings to our mind a bit of Flint history. In 1896, during the McKinley campaign, when Republican prospects looked gloomy in this state, as editor of "The Searchlight," we found it necessary to make a canvass among the Republicans for subscriptions enough to get out the paper, which was supporting the Republican ticket with all of its energies. Among the Republicans called upon was Mr. F. P. Flint, who promptly refused to subscribe when we urged upon him the necessity of individual Republicans aiding the efforts of the paper by subscriptions. Mr. Flint, who was then president of the McKinley Club, replied that "while he was doing everything he could personally to elect McKinley, he would not spend a dollar of his money to bring about that result." If we had known at that time that he had just left the Democratic party, the situation would have been explained. We confess that our Republican ardor began to cool off from that time, for we met scores of similar Republicans during that campaign. Now that the Democratic party dominates both parties in this city and county to the extent that black Republicans cannot sit down to a Republican banquet, it is a small matter which wing of the party the negro supports. Apropos that Republican league banquet episode, the managers first gave out that the union waiters had refused to serve the negroes. This the waiters promptly denied. The unions object to being made the scapegoat every time the negro is to be kicked out. To appease the wrath of real black Republicans it has been given out that the main reason for turning down the colored contingent was that some of them were trying to pass as white, and the managers thought it unfair to the black folks to entertain the yellow folks as their representatives, while the yellow folks were trying to pass as white folks. They claim, with some show of reason, that while they have no reluctance to sitting at meat with the pure, unadulterated negro, they draw the line on the counterfeit white man. It is amusing

to note that the yellow folks are all slipping into the black clubs. Owing to the fact that these would-be white folks had black mothers or fathers, the white folks seem determined to make them stay with the black folks. Guess they will be good now.

The colored brothers will vote for Democrats this year; it matters not which of the local tickets he votes, both parties having gone Democratic.

KEEP YOUR HANDS ON YOUR POCKET BOOK.

The leaders of the "six bits push" known as the Afro-American Council is in desperate straits seeing that the colored citizens whom they are misrepresenting and disgracing have decided to set down upon them have hatched up a new scheme. The call for the so-called congress give each race organization one delegate for each twenty members or fraction thereof as the constitution grants. Seeing the hand writing on the wall and their occupation gone, the old discarded gang of political dead beats got together and decided that the only way to keep themselves in a position to do cheap politics was to cut down the representation of all race organization except the two or three councils embracing the congress to one delegate and one at large to each of such organizations. To make it plain, a so-called Afro-American council, the membership of which consists of its officers, will claim membership of say 150 or more if the case is desperate and send to the congress any six hot air pumbers who have a thirst for stale beer and cheap free cigars during the campaign, provided that the said beer chasers agreed to vote for certain irresponsible leaders for ill-gotten revenue only, while an organization with 100 or 150 real members would have but two votes, who changed the constitution so as to make Neimore and his gang its sole executors, the congress didn't do it and that is the only body invested with power. Neimore was thrown bodily out of the last congress. He was candidate for every office in sight but never received more than 2 votes out of 50. To enable him to work his graft on candidates for office it was decided to call him president of the local council and sign his name to the call for the congress. If he was elected president of the local council there were not over three persons present, or he could not have been elected. This hold-up scheme will not work. All candidates for office are warned to keep their hands on their pocket books.

The time has come when the race must set down upon the negro who makes politics his trade and whose thirst for office constitutes the bulk of his worldly effects. The seeker after cheap notoriety and the would-be political boss are equally dangerous. By the character of our leaders we are judged and respected. We must require of our lead-

ers what the white people require of their.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

The burning of Cato and Reed in Georgia on the 16th adds another to the long list of atrocious, brutal outrages that are being perpetrated upon the negroes almost daily. And the painful fact that there is absolutely no effort on the part of the state or federal authorities to punish the perpetrators is something awful. The position of the negro in this country is growing worse and worse. What shall we do? What is to become of the American negro? To retaliate, as these outrages deserve, is out of the question. Such a course would consign our women and children, our aged, sick and helpless, to the flames. Southern prejudice, Southern hatred of the negro, because he is free, like deadly poison ramifies every artery in the body of American public sentiment. Loyalty to the flag, obedience to the laws, the ownership of character and property, cuts no figure if your skin is black. The Booker Washington theory is well nigh exploded. The sober, thoughtful negroes have almost lost hope. What is life or property worth in the jaws of such a bitter, heartless persecution? The white person who believes that there is no hell ought to change the texture of his hair and change the color of his skin from white to black, then come and live in Christian America. He would awake in a hell as cruel and relentless as any that orthodox Christians have discovered. He would be as far away from God as any lost soul could possibly be. The thought that there ever was a Golden Rule would be like live coals of fire upon his body.

If Reed and Cato were guilty, they should have been hanged, as the law directs. They had been tried and sentenced to death. As to their guilt there will ever be a doubt in the minds of fair-minded people, and no doubt the conviction was secured with the understanding that it would save them from the stake. With a howling, blood-thirsty mob surrounding the court, no honest man believes that the men had a fair trial. If they confessed in court, as it is claimed, they did so to escape the fate they met. They knew when they were accused that it meant death, whether guilty or innocent. The lie about Reed's alleged confession to the mob implicating others is the same old lie manufactured by the same old band of cut-throats that have secured previous confessions when they wanted to kill or burn a few innocent negroes as a pastime. Doubtless the crime was committed by a white man and a member of that mob.

THE WHITE NEWSPAPERS RESPONSIBLE.

The Los Angeles Times says editorially, in part: "Without a doubt these

convicted murderers deserve to be hanged." The above seems to us to be not only a quasi-endorsement of the mob, but a presumption, with all of the facts against it, that the accused had a fair and impartial trial; while the truth of the matter is, they were tried in a court in the presence of a few unarmed officers, who were in sympathy with the howling mob that surrounded the court. To say that a conviction secured under such circumstances is just, and that the convicted deserved hanging, is an endorsement of the mob. This was doubtless not the object of the writer of the sentence quoted, but that is what he did. That the white newspapers of this country are responsible for the prevalence of crime, there is not the slightest doubt. These editorial snake killers set out, perhaps, with good intentions, but, through sympathy or the Lord knows what, they pound off the snake's tail instead of his head, and leave him more deadly and vicious than before. Magnifying the crime with which the mob's victim was charged, and for which he was never tried or proven guilty, may satisfy the conscience of the average white man, but it will not stave off the day of reckoning. By toying with the mobs the newspapers and those responsible for the enforcement of the laws, are playing hell with this country, and the time will come, and come sooner than they expect, when they will call upon the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the wraht of their own lawless people.

When the great and good McKinley fell a victim to the mob spirit, a cry of righteous indignation against lawlessness went from the North, East and West. Lincoln was the victim of the slavery curse; Garfield, the spoils system; McKinley, the mob spirit. Who is to be the next victim? *By the eternal God of Justice, there'll be a day of reckoning!*

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Through the good offices of Mr. W. A. Brown, Mr. E. M. Brooks has secured a position as salesman in the Waterman Shoe Co. Mr. Brooks, who came here recently from Natchez, Miss., is the first colored man to hold a position of this kind in the city. Mr. Brooks is an experienced shoe man, having engaged in the business ten years before coming here. The Waterman Shoe Co. is one of the largest in the city.

In all thy gettings don't forget to get you a home. It is difficult to maintain one's honor self-respect in a state of pauperism. Colored men in the South who earn \$10 per month pay their board out of it and pays for a little home.

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NOTICE!

The Colored Business Men's Association will hold an important meeting at Flint's Grocery Store, 243 E. Second street, on Friday evening, August 26th, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is expected.

(Special Dispatch to the Call.)

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 18.—Negro labor unions are being organized here with the purpose of boycotting the whites and throwing all their business to other negroes.

The movement is the result of the passage of the "Jim Crow" street car law, which greatly angered the negroes. They successfully boycotted the cars, and no negroes are patrons of them.

A negro bank and a negro undertaking establishment will be started, and a negro department store and other negro establishments are in contemplation.

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